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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CAPTION AND LINE 1 PARA 1 OMITTED)

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SUBJECT: OFFER FOR SALE OF TWO MILLION TONS SUGAR BY  
SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMAN

REF: DURBAN 0154

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. USDOC URGES POST TO TREAT OFFERS FOR SALE OF LARGE  
AMOUNTS OF SUGAR WITH GREAT CAUTION. CONVERSATIONS WITH  
SEVERAL U.S. SUGAR ASSOCIATIONS AND USDA SUGAR DESK  
REVEALED THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS SIMILAR TO MANY OTHERS  
BEING MADE BY SPECULATORS AND MIDDLEMEN AROUND THE WORLD.

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2. SUSPICION ARISES ON THESE OFFERS BECAUSE OF (A) HUGE

SIZE OF OFFER, AND (B) BECAUSE OFFER IS BEING MADE BY  
AGENT NOT OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

3. IT IS FELT THAT IF THIS WERE BONA FIDE OFFER, U.S.  
SUGAR BUYERS WOULD ALREADY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT THROUGH  
THEIR OWN WELL-ESTABLISHED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS, OR  
KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE CAUSED SHARP  
FLUCTUATIONS IN WORLD MARKET PRICE.

4. U.S. WAREHOUSE SUPPLIES OF SUGAR ALSO REPORTED AS MORE  
THAN ADEQUATE FOR NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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